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
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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/899,436	Applicant(s) CHUE ET AL. 	
	Examiner Glenn A. Auve	Art Unit 2111	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 April 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 43 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,006,319.

As per claim 43, Takahashi shows a primary device configured to perform core operating functions in the electronic architecture (fig.3,12, the functions of the main unit 12 are the core functions); an auxiliary device configured to perform selected additional functions in the electronic architecture (the cartridge 14 provides additional functions); a primary channel for performing communication procedures between the primary and auxiliary devices (38); and an auxiliary channel configured for performing data transfer between the devices (40). Takahashi shows all of the elements recited in claim 43.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 15-21, filed April 23, 2004, with respect to amended claims 1-42 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-42 has been withdrawn.
4. Applicant's arguments filed April 23, 2004, regarding claim 43 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicant has actually not made any arguments or amendments with respect to claim 43. Therefore that rejection has been maintained. In Takahashi the main unit 12 provides the core operating functions of the device. The cartridge device 14 includes its own CPU and memory with the cartridge CPU providing for "additional functions" as outlined throughout the specification and also as illustrated in figures 26-30. The main unit processor and cartridge processor work in tandem to accelerate the operations of the system. They do not merely run the same instructions in a redundant manner. The two units work in a co-operative arrangement with the main unit performing some "core" functions and the auxiliary unit performing different "additional" functions. Therefore it is submitted that Takahashi does show all of the limitations recited in claim 43.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1-42 are allowable. The examiner agrees with applicant's arguments regarding claims 1-3, 21-23, and 42 with respect to the Takahashi reference in light of applicant's amendments in those claims. The examiner also agrees with applicant's arguments regarding claims 1, 6-10, 14-21, 26-30, and 34-40 with respect to the Deschepper reference in light of applicant's amendments in those claims.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

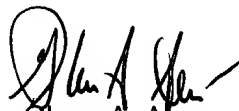
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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn A. Auve whose telephone number is (703) 305-9638. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:00 AM-5:30 PM, every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (703) 305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



Glenn A. Auve
Primary Examiner
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July 19, 2004

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